(ख) नाभिकीय अप्रसार संधि के प्रति भारत की नीति यथावत रही है और यह कह दिया गया है कि भारत सच्चे नाभिकीय अप्रसार के उद्देश्यों के प्रति वचनबद्ध है फिर भी उसने इस नाभिकीय अप्रसार संधि पर इसलिए हस्ताक्षर नहीं किए हैं क्योंकि यह एक भेदभावपूर्ण संधि है और इसमें संसार के "नाभिकीय शक्ति प्राप्त" और "नाभिकीय शक्तिविहीन" देशों के बीच स्थायी बंटवारा करने की कोशिश है। भारत ने यह प्रस्ताव किया है कि नाभिकीय अस्त्रों के प्रसार की समस्या से निपटने का एक ही तार्किक तरीका है और वह यह कि इस प्रश्न के प्रति एक ऐसा सार्वभौम तरीका अपनाया जाय जो सार्वभौमिकता, व्यापकता और भेदभाव न करने के सिद्धान्तों पर आधारित हो।

New initiative to solve the Kashmir problem

668. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI K. K. BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a new initiative to solve the Kashmir problem;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have contemplated any serious efforts during the past few months to bring peace in the area; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) A number of initiatives were taken late last year for reviving normalcy and the political process in J & K. These efforts have been further intensified in the past few months. Minister of State for Internal Security has visited the State frequently and held meetings with the people at various levels. He also had interactions with local political personalities and officials at the State and district levels with a view to increasing their involvement in the normalisation process. These efforts have evoked positive responses.

Steps have also been taken to activise the local administration and to make it more responsive and accountable. District level Coordination Committees have been set up to increse the involvement of the district administration in the security operations and to strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism. Efforts have also been indicated to step up economic and developmental activities in the State, including tourism and to create employment opportunities for the youth Minister of State (Internal Security) has held a number of meetings with Central and State Government officials in this regard, both in New Delhi and Srinagar. The matter is being regularly followed up.

During a recent visit to J. & K. the Union Home Minister had clarified that the Government would like to further intensify efforts to restore the political process, by activation and involvement of all those who are willing contribute positively in this regard both at the national and the State level.

Anti-terrorism treaty with UK

669. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the treaty between India and UK regarding anti terrorism etc. has been ratified and become ecective from a very recent date;

(b) if so, whether the visiting British Secretary of State has expessed doubts over the formation of human rights body in India; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indo-UK Extradition Treaty was ratified on 15 November 1993 and has become effective from that date.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

U.S. to lead block of Asia-Pacific Nations

@670. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States to lead a block of 16 Asia Pacific Nations which includes China, South Korea and Taiwan to a new trading block raising the spectre of isolation for India and other South Asian countries in the emerging economic globalisaton;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn into a news report appearing in the Times of India dated 22-11.93 in this connection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government to the issues being raised therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), was establisehd as a loose consultative forum of 12 countries at a Ministerial meeting in Canberra, in 1989. APEC now comprises of 17 countries, namely : Australia, Brunei, Darussalam, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Tipel, Thailand and United States. Chile is to be admitted in 1994, after which APEC has decided on a 3-year moratorium on expansion, while it concentrates on consolidation and improving its effectiveness.

APEC holds annual ministerial meetings and the country which hosts the subsequent meeting is responsible for steering APC activities for the period between the Ministerial meetings. United States had this responsibility for the year preceding the Seattle meeting. The next Ministerial meeting will be in Indonesia.

The Seattle meeting of APEC agreed on a programme of cooperative activities for liberalisation and facilitation of global and regional trade. APEC has rejected the idea of forming a closed "Trading Bloc" and emphasised its commitment to global free trade as also its own open and outward looking orientation based on the concept of "Open Regionalism". It extended strong support for a successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round. APEC has also established procedures to enable non-members from the Asia Pacific region to participate in its work programmes.

With the size and liberalisation of the Indian economy, and its substantial trade and economic linkages with other Asia Pacific countries, India looks forward to an expanding working relationship with APEC. India has expressed its interest in eventual membership of APEC. This would be taken up with APEC members at the appropriate time.

Extradiction of Amanullah

671. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status position of the extradiction proceedings against the Pakistan occupied Kashmir terrorist leader Mr. Amanullah who was arrested in Belgium Capital Brussels recently;

(b) what are the criminal anti-India anticidents of Mr. Amanullah;

@Previously Unstarred Question 340 Transferred from 6-12-93.